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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant** : Carmo Ribeiro et al  
**Appl. No.** : 09/981,414  
**Filed** : October 17, 2001  
**Title** : MULTI-AXIALLY FORGED PISTON  
**Grp./A.U.** : 3745  
**Examiner** : Frank D. Lopez  
**Docket No.** : 71024-209

**AMENDMENT**

**MAILSTOP AMENDMENT**

**Commissioner of Patents**  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated March 2, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

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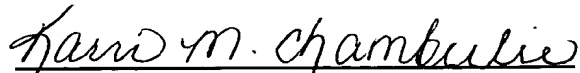
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